but it is the machinery and the facilities for doing the work that foot up the aggregate. Now the printing office cannot stop its work while another one is being built or the existing plant moved and installed in a new place. This office has got to run right along. It runs twenty-four hours in the day, and at times goes on Sundays and helidays and every day. Therefore, it would be a serious question whether the government wanted to undergo the expense of practically duplicating this plant in another part of the city. Then there is another question involved in this matter of a site. Here is an entire section of the city which has been built up to meet the needs of the employes of this office. The character of the buildings and rentals have been gauged according to their abilities and their rights in the case should be borne in

"In the construction of a new building I hope to see the convenience of the em-ployes considered. They are entitled to it. The men who work in this office are the only employes of the government who are paid for just the work they perform. If a man stops work here for half an hour he loses his pay for half an hour. These em-ployes work the longest hours and for a less proportionate consideration than any other employes of the government. I venture the assertion that there is more fine manhood among the men of this bureau than any other branch of the government service. They are men of intelligence, be-cause their work requires it. They are do-ing a high class of work for the govern-ment, and should be taken care of."

Into the New Addition.

Mr. Benedict's forces have moved into the brick addition to the printing office which was recently completed. This work was done by army engineers, upon plans of their own. In the construction of the boiler house, machine shop and the imboiler house, machine shop and the immense steel stack to the boiler house, the plans have been made by those most conversant with the requirements of the case. The new boilers will be in operation some time in January, and Mr. Benedict will be greatly relieved when they are started up and the pressure is taken off the old boilers, that are now considered to be the principal menace to the building. The new boilers are being nut in by Cramu the boilers are being put in by Cramp, the shipbuilder, and it is said they will be the most efficient in this city.

The new electric power and lighting sys tem of the building is also a model of its kind. All of the presses and machinery in the building will ultimately be run by electricity. Some of the presses are now equipped with this motor. In one of the press rooms half of the presses are run by the old system of shaft and belting and half by electricity, and the difference in their appearance is startling.

TRANSMISSISSIPPI EXPOSITION.

Secretary Carlisle Makes the Govern ment Appropriation Available.

Secretary Carlisle today took action which makes immediately available the sum of \$200,000 appropriated at the last session of Congress to provide for a suitable government exhibit at the transmississippi exposition to be held in Omaha in 1898 The act making the appropriation contained a previso that it should not be expended until theSecretary of the Treasury had re ceived satisfactory proof that at least \$250,-000 of the stock of the exposition had been subscribed by reliable persons. The exposition authorities have satisfied the Secre-tary that the subscriptions already made are far in excess of the required amount, and that they are of a gilt-edged character. He has accordingly ordered that the ap-propriation be made available for the purpose for which it was made. Plans are being made in the architect's office for a building to cost about \$50,000, and it is ex-pected that the President will appoint a beard to have control of the government exhibit in a few days.

GONE TO ST. HELENA.

Senator Cameron and a Party of Friends Off for the South.

Senator Cameron, with a party of friends comprising Senator Vest of Missouri, Senator Wilson of Washington, Mr. Myron M. Parker, Mr. Beriah Wilkins, Mr. Hallet Kilbourn and Mr. Chapin Brown, left this afternoon on the Atlantic Coast line flyer for Beaufort, S. C., whence they will go to St. Helena, Senator Cameron's famous island off the South Carolina coast, to enjoy duck and deer shooting for a couple of weeks. St. Helena is regarded as the Atlantic coast. It has population of 7000 negroes and 30 white people. Senator Cameron purchased it some years ago, and has made a series of wonderful improvements throughout

COAL MINES ON FIRE.

Vainly Fighting the Flames in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 26.great disaster has overtaken the Spring Hill coal mines. Just five years ago the mines wer: wrecked by a great explosion and 130 lives lost. It took the best part of a year to get the colliery in working order again. It was splendidly equipped, gave employment to one thousand men in the pits and had an output of 375,000 tons a From the meager dispatches received it

appears that fire has complete possession of the underground working of two or three slopes. About 5 c'clock Thursday evening the coal mines at Spring Hill were discovered to be on fire. The fire originated in ered to be on fire. The fire originate the pipeway of the east slope in the foot level. It soon ate its way into the 1,300-foot level, and developed into a raging furnace. When Government Inspector Gil-pin arrived fire was issuing from every opening of the mine. Two cupolas were ourned down, and the bankhead had to torn away. The miners worked hard to save their source of livelihood, but all their efforts in that direction were fruitless. They tried to prevent the air going into th mine by stopping up every air way.

Mr. Gilpin had to call the men away from

this work, as it was attended with great risk to their lives should an explosion oc-cur, which might be expected at any min-The flames shot about 100 feet in the air, the reflection being visible at Amherst. The extent of the fire is not known, but the most disastrous consequences are fear

ed. The loss of the east slope is believed to be complete; the machinery will be ruined. At 4 p.m. Friday the west slope was reached all right, but the men will have hard work to save it.

fire caught from an overheated steam pipe connected with the driving ma . The men worked up to the time eaught and all got out safely. The mine has three slopes-north, east and

It is likely that the most serious damage by fire will be confined to the east slope, in which it started. The fire seems to be burning itself out. The loss will be enor-mous and the fire will cause great destitution among the miners, as, even if the fire does not spread through the entire mine, it is considered doubtful if work can be resumed under any circumstances during the

BRAM ON THE STAND.

He Testified Without Contradicting Himself.

BOSTON, December 26.-Thomas M. Bram, accused of the murder of Capt. Nash of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, resumed the witness stand in the United States court here today, and his cross-examination was continued.

He gave his answers without faitering He again described the two hours he spent on deck on the night of the tragedy. The district attorney questioned the witness re-peatedly about going into the cabin, but without eliciting any contradiction of the witness' direct testimony.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

Result of a Conference With a Cana dian Representative.

OTTAWA, Ont., December 26.-Dr. Mc-Fachran, dominion superintendent of quarartine and veterinary inspector, who accompanied Sydney Fisher to Washington, has returned from the United States. Referring to the result of negotiations be tween the minister of agriculture and the United States government regarding quar-antine, the doctor says that the abolition of quarantine which was decided upon will merally accepted in Canada as a de-change for the better.

In a shooting scrape at the Southern Cross mine, in Deer Lodge county, Mon-tana, yesterday, D. A. Riley, the well-known mining man, was shot through the feart and instantly killed.

PLACED IN THE TOMB

Funeral of George E. Lemon Largely Attended.

SIMPLE BUT IMPRESSIVE SERVICES

Remains Placed Temporarily in the Tomb of Gen. Logan.

MANY FLORAL TRIBUTES

The funeral of the late Capt. George E. Lemon took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the New York Avenue Presbyerian Church. The exercises were marked by great simplicity, but they were none the less beautiful and impressive. The church was well filled with the relatives and friends of the deceased. The employes of Capt. Lemon's office and the officials of the Bank of Washington attended in a body, and there were also present delegations from the G. A. R. and the Loyal Legion. The church was not specially decorated or the occasion. The casket rested on



two pedestals, immediately in front of the pulpit platform, wrapped in the stars and stripes and covered under beautiful flowers. The service was conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Wallace Radeliffe, and the choir rendered two selections, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Asleep in Jesus," in a most touching and beautiful manner.

Dr. Radeliffe's Address.

Dr. Radcliffe delivered an eloquent address, in which he paid a high tribute to the memory of Capt. Lemon as a soldier and as a citizen. Not all the heroes of the late war, he said, died on the field of battle: many of the bravest have lived on for more than thirty years, to struggle against dis-ease and pain. Their every day has been a battle against suffering, though in the end they must succumb. Capt. Lemon's most marked characteristics were his patriotism, his courage, both in war and peace, and his kindness. His life was full of thoughtful tenderness for others, and he was always quick to respond to the calls of need. He is mourned not only by those who enjoyed his personal friendship, but by the poor and fatherless, whose pathways were cheered by his goodness, and many, who were distressed now rise up to call him. most marked characteristics were his who were distressed now rise up to call him

At the conclusion of the service the active pallbearers carried the casket out to the hearse, which was waiting it at the north entrance to the church, and the line of march was then taken up to the cemetery. a large number of mourners attending the body to its last resting place. The members of Capt. Lemon's immedi-

ate family in the city are his sister, Mrs. Emma H. Lewis; her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Marble; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Lemon, their son, Mr. George Lemon, and his wife. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Jas. Lewis were prevented by illness from attending the funeral.

Prof. Chas. E. Munroe, the dean of the graduate school of the Columbian University, of which Capt. Lemon was a grad-

uate, represented the university at the fu-neral today. Among the old friends of Capt. Lemon who attended from a distance were Judge and Mrs. Blume of Chicago Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Low of New York.

Lying in State. Capt. Lemon's body lay in state in his apartments at the Shoreham for a couple of hours this morn'ng, and a large number of people took advantage of the opportunity of a last look at the familiar features of the dead man. The body was attired in evening dress, and on the lapel of the coat were the button of the Loyal Legion and the badge of the G. A. R., of both of which he was an active and prominent member. The body was taken to the church from Capt. Lemon's apartments at the Shore-ham, where it had lain since its arrival early yesterday morning. In the main parlor was stationed a guard of honor. sisting of a deputation from John A. Raw-lins Post, G. A. R., in uniform. The body lay in a handsome casket, which wa covered with black cloth and heavily trim med in silver. The solid silver plate bore simply the inscription, "George E. Lemon Born March 10, 1843, Died December 1 Born March 10, 1843, Died December 18, 1896." The casket was draped in the flag which was wrapped about the coffin of the late Gen. Logan, and upon it rested Capt. Lemon's sword and belt, partially covered with a huge bunch of American beauty roses from members of the family and a cross of lilies of the valley.

Floral Tributes. Capt. Lemon occupied for many years a handsome suite of rooms at the Shoreham. Today they were turned into a perfect bower of floral tributes sent by relatives, friends and organizations. Rarely is such a display seen at a private funeral. Not only were there a large number of pieces, but each was of particular heauty. On the wall was hung the faded silk flag of the company in which Capt. Lemon served during the late war-Com-pany G, 125th New York State Volunteers. Among the floral tributes which filled every available space in the parlor magnificent wreath of white roses, of the valley, violets and rare orchids from the Loyal Legion. There was a big wreath of palm leaves, tied with heavy purple ribbon, from Mrs. Logan, and a superb wreath of violets from Major and Mrs. Wm. F. Tucker. Others were an immense bunch of American beauties, from Mr. Jere M Wilson; white roses, from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith; a wreath of white roses, lilles of Barrett, Miss Barrett and Miss Flint; a pillow of white roses, from Mr. and Mrs. Byron Andrews of New York; palms and violets, from Mrs. Belknap and Miss Bel-knap, and handsome pieces from Master George Edwin Tucker and General and the valley and violets, from Mrs. Fanny

Mrs. Dudley.

Before leaving the Shoreham Acting
Chaplain Swallow of Rawlins Post offered a brief prayer, and shortly before 1 o'clock the body was taken to the church, accompanied by a special guard of honor from the

G. A. R.

The honorary pallbearers were Mr. Jere M. Wilson, John W. Smith, Maj. William F. Tucker, United States army; ex-Senator William Pitt Kellogg, Dr. Daniel B. Clarke, president of the Bank of the Republic; Marshal A A Wilson Col. L. P. Wright president of the Bank of the Republic; Marshal A. A. Wilson, Col. L. P. Wright, Gen. W. W. Dudley, ex-Commissioner M. M. Parker, Måj. John McElroy, Mr. Byron Ardrews and Mr. W. Beach Taylor. The active pallbearers were Mr. Bryce J. Moses and Mr. William H. Smith, representing the Bank of the Republic; Mr. Wallace F. Crossman; Mr. Charles T. Lowell and Mr. Maurice Welgle, from Capt. Lemon's office, and Messrs. M. Emmet Urell, Newton Ferree and Chris. C. Bollinger of John A. Rawlins Post. Col. Parker was unable to accompany the cortege to the cemetery and accompany the cortege to the cemetery and his place as an honorary pallbearer was taken by Mr. E. S. Yergason of New York.

To the Cemetery. The line of carriages that accompanied the remains to the National cemetery was a long one, numbering more than fifty. The line of march was through the Soldiers' Home grounds. When the gates of home were reached the procession was met by the Soldiers' Home Band. At the tomb of Gen. Logan, where the body is to remain until the final interment is made in a mausoleum to be erected at Arlington, brief services were held according to the ritual of the G. A. R., conducted by Past Commander A. S. Taber, who had charge

BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION.

A reference to the statement below will show that the circulation

sworn to is a bone fide one. It is easily possible for a newspaper with an elastic conscience to swell its legitimate circulation enormously, in order to deceive advertisers, by sending out thousands of papers to newsstands, which are returnable, and which are in fact returned, but nevertheless are included in what purports to be an honest statement of circulation. Intelligent advertisers, however,

fudge by results, and bogus circulations don't give them, The family circulation of The Star is many thousands in excess of any

other Washington paper, and is believed to be fully five times that of our afternoon contemporary.

Circulation of The "Evening Star." SATURDAY, December 19, 1896......34,016 MONDAY, December 21, 1896......28,241 WEDNESDAY, December 23, 1896......28,372 THURSDAY, December 24, 1896......28,288 Total......173,027

Daily average.......28,837 I solemnly swear that the above statement represents only the number of copies of THE EVEN-ING STAR circulated during the six secular days ending Friday, December 25, 1896-that is, the number of copies actually sold, delivered, furnished or mailed, for valuable consideration, to bona fide purchasers or subscribers, and that none of the copies so counted are returnable to or remain in the office unsold.

J. WHIT. HERRON, Cashier Evening Star Newspaper Co. Subscribed and sworn to before me this twenty-sixth day of December, A. D. 1896. E. E. RAMEY. Notary Public, D. C.

of all the details of the funeral this afternoon. The following members of the National Guard were detailed to fire a salute over the grave: Maj. E. R. Campbell, 4th Battalion; Capt. Henry Walsh, Lieut. Chas. Darforth, Lieut. D. L. Richmond and forty privates, all of the 4th Battalion Henr Wilson Post, at the home, attended in body at the tomb, and taps were sounded by Bugler Hurdy of the 7th Cavalry.

PERMANENTLY LOCATED.

The National Republican Committee Hendquarters Opened Here.

The national republican committee has taken possession of its permanent headquarters in Washington on the second floor of the Glover building, F street, north side, near 15th street. Mr. S. A. Perkins, who was assistant secretary of the committee during the recent campaign, is there as the representative of Chairman Mark Hanna, and Mr. O. P. Austin is in charge of the literary bureau which will prepare the matter of interest for general publication. The distribution of this literary mat ter will be supervised by Mr. H. H. Rand. The rooms are handsomely furnished, and there is a noticeable number of visitors. Among the callers today was Congressman-elect A. T. Wimberly of Mississippi, who has just returned from a visit to Canton. Mr. Wimberly also called at the inauguration headquarters upstairs. Mr. Perkins is a gentleman of extremely pleasant manners and affable address and is making an excellent impression upon all those who come in contact with him. He is being generally congratulated by visiting politicians and others on his recent marriage, which happy event occurred a little over a week ago.

MARINE DISASTERS.

Collision During a Gale -Goes Ashore.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., December 6.-The schooner Freddie Eaton was run into by the British schooner Mary E. during the gale last night and sustained considerable damage. Both vessels were at anchor here and the Mary E. was accidentally cast adrift by the slipping of her anchor chain. She crashed into the Eaton and carried away part of her main rigging. The British vessel was not badly damaged, but lost anchor and fifteen fathoms of chain. The Mary E. is bound from Norwich, Conn., for St. John, N. B.

PORTLAND, Me., December 26.-The three-masted schooner Robert I. Capt. Nathan Towne, from Perth Amboy, N. J., for this city with 1,200 tons of coal, went ashore on Alden rocks today and will be a total loss. Capt. Towne reports that as the buoys were covered with ice he mis-took one for another, the accident resulting. Tugs went out to the wreck as soon as she was sighted, and the captain and crew were brought ashore.

A dispatch to the life saving service bureau states that the schooner Robert L. Carter, loaded with coal, is ashore on Aldens rocks, near Portland, Me. The crew were taken off by the life-saving crew.

AN UNPROVOKED MURDER.

Indignation at Leadville Over the Killing of Patrick Carney.

LEADVILLE, Col., December 26.-About 2 o'clock this morning the Missouri miners employed at the Bison mine, who were on their way home from down town, met Patrick Carney and his wife, who had been attending a ball. The Missourians called Carney across the street, talked to him a few minutes, then one of them shot him illing him instantly.

Carney is an elderly man, well known in the camp, and had been working on the Star mine. The Missourians were all ar-rested, but it is not known yet, which one of them fired the fatal shot. From the standing of Carney in the com-numlity it is feared that this murder will cause considerable trouble, as th Union people are highly incensed. considerable trouble, as the Miners

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY.

Two Who Were Participants in Dr. Jameson's Raid.

LONDON, December 28.-Colonel R. Gray and Colonel H. F. W White, both of whom were sentenced with Dr. Jameson to imprisonment for violation of the foreign enlistment act in invading the territory of the Transvaal republic, were released today from Holloway jail, their sentences of five months having expired.

HONORING PASTEUR'S MEMORY.

Speeches Delivered by Eminent

PARIS, December 26.-The remains of Prof. Louis Pasteur, the eminent bacteriologist, who died September 28, 1895, were removed today from the Cathedral of Notre removed today from the Cathedral of Notre
Dame to the Pasteur Institute, where they
were received by a gathering of distinguished men, including Premier Meline, Mm.
Rambaud and Brisson and several wellknown men from Great Britain. President
Faure and Gen. Billot, the minister of war,
were represented at the ceremony.
Speches were made at the ceremony. Speeches were made at the crypt of the institute by M. Rambaud, M. Bodin, president of the municipal council of Paris; Dr. Evans. Dr. Rice Duckworth and others.

Death of Mrs. Kemp. The friends of Miss Zada T. Kemp of Kimball, Va., will be pained to hear of the death of her mother, Elizabeth J. Kemp who died on the 22d instant. Mrs. Kemp, was the wife of Thomas M. Kemp. Although nearly all of Mrs. Kemp's twelve children are now residents of Nebraska, with one Eception they were all present at her funeral today, which took place at her Virginia home.

How the Health Office Determines Presence | Length of Service No Longer Counts in the of the Disease.

Better Medods Will Increase the Breaking Away From the Old System Statistics-The Tubes Sent in and Examined. To. 24

A large number of cases of diphtheria reported to the health office is not altogether the result of the prevalence in this city of that contagious disease. It is to a considerable extent brought about by the fact that many cases heretofore reported merely as "sore throat" are now reported as diphtheria, because of the improved methods that have been adopted for ascertaining the character of the disease from which patients suffer.

Dr. J. E. Walsh, the medical and sanitary aspector of the District in charge of diph theria and scarlet_fever cases, conducts a little department on the top floor of the District building in which the character of throat troubles is determined. The method he pursues has been in operation theoretically in this city for two years, but its practical use has been shown only since the spread of diphtheria during the last fall. It is not a new method, being in use in other cities.

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Under the direction of Dr. Walsh small vials are left at all the drug stores in the city and physicians are notified that in case they have a patient suffering from sore threat and cannot readily determine whether the disease is diphtheria, they may do so through the health department. Each of these vials contains a small amount of gelatin, and a physician wishing to determine the character of his patient's throat trauble takes a small quantity of mucus from the throat, places it on tity of mucus from the throat, places it on this gelatin and sends it to the health office. If there are germs in the mucus they are readily developed on the gelatin, where they form little colonies. Then it is an easy matter to determine by a microscopic examination whether they are diphtheria germs or germs of a harmless

The day after the vial containing the germs has been sent to the health office the physician sending it is notified of the character of the germs. A great many physicians have adopted the practice of sending to the District building for investigation the mucus from the throats of any particular in which the character is a sending to the page. tients in which cases he has the least doubt about the character of the disease. In this way many cases that in former times have been treated and passed by as merely ordinary sore throat are shown in reality to be diphtheria, and it is con-sidered quite likely that the diphtheria stasidered quite likely that the diphtheria sta-tistics of the present year will exceed former years in regard to number largely from the fact of more complete diagnosis of the cases. Any one who has the least throat trouble may now determine without a doubt whether they suffer from diphtheria or merely have a sore throat.

The number of cases that are sent to the District building for examination vary according to the weather. When sore throats are very prevalent as the result of inclement weather eighteen twenty or twenty.

ent weather, eighteen, twenty or twenty-five vials may be sent for examination, but the fine weather that has prevailed during the past several days has run the number of such examinations down until they amount to only six or eight per day. The work being done in the District building in making these examinations is in accord with the most approved methods known to the medical science, and is regarded as a great advance over the past system of making examinations by little less than making examinations by little ess than guessing. In a few instance physicians have the apparatus for making these investigations in their own offices but most of them are without such appliances, and if it were not for the assistance they get from the health office they would be helpless to apply these scientific

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Result of the Inquest Over Peter Webb. Today at noon Coroner Hammett held an Philip Barber Thursday morning, as pubished in Thursday's Star. The man who had caused the victim's death was present to hear the evidence given, and he was represented by Messrs. Holland and Chase. The coroner called several colored men, who had either been with the parties or who had witnessed the affair, and they told

substantially the same story of the fatal Thursday morning about 8 c'clock th men were on their way home. Barber owned the carriage, and Webb had been driving for him. They had been drinking, and when Barber wanted Webb to return him his badge the latter refused, and i when he attempted to take it from h that he pushed him down and fractured his skull. The witnesses all agreed that the men did not appear to have been fighting, and when Webb fell Barber said: "He's a

hands drunk?" the corone asked one of the witnesses.
"No, sir," he responded; "I was there, and I was sober, too. All I saw was a half pint for four, and some of that was left in the bottle." Deputy Coroner Glazebrook told of the

friend of mine."

was his answer.

autopsy. There was a fracture about near the base of the brain, and cerebral hemorrhage had caused death. The dead man's skull, he said, was much thinner than the usual skull of a colored man. Dr. Glaze brook said that the fall was a severe one and that the concrete pavement at this season of the year is as hard as solid

Barber's Statement.

Barber was called to make a statement and the coroner asked him if he and Webb were good friends. "Just the same as mothers and fathers,"

Webb, he said, drove for him occasionally, in order to make a little tobacco and whisky money. Thursday morning they were together at a club room, as well as in a bar room, and when Webb had taken several drinks he had trouble with another man. Barber said he took his frie when they left they took four mer

Then they started home, and Webb, who was intoxicated, insisted on going some-where else. Defendant refused to go with him, and Webb got off the hack. Barber then got down from the vehicle and asked him for his badge, and he refused to surnim for his badge, and he refused to surrender it. He began sparring with defendant, but he knew he meant no harm.
Defendant then attempted to grab his
badge, and while doing so Webb fell. Then
he picked him up and drove him to the
hospital. He certainty did not intend to
harm him, for he loved the dead man and
had been a father to him.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental
death, and Barber was released.

INJURIES FATAL. Inquest to Be Held on Body of Louis b.Le Prenz.

Mr. Louis Le Preux, the aged citizen who was taken to "the Emergency Hospital about 6 o'clock Monday night, as published in The Star at the time, died this morning about 2 o'clock. The deceased was found near the corner of 3d and D streets northwest, and it was thought that a Metropoli-tan electric car had struck him. This will be determined by the coroner's jury Monday, when the evidence in the case is heard. Coroner Hammett viewed the body this afternoon, and when the jury had been sworn he continued the hearing until Monday. The body was sent to Barker's undertaking establishment, from where the funeral will take place tomorrow. Deceased was seventy-four years old, and leaves a wife and several children, who live on G street in South Washington.

The evidence in the case of the fatal accident to Mr. Charles Faulkner, Senator Voorhees' private secretary, may also be heard Monday. It may be that no inquestill he necessary, in view of Mr. Faulkner's statement made on his deathbed, in which he exonerated the driver from blame.

Undertuker Barke' removed the body from the hospital today, and prepared it for burlal. Members of the lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows of which the deceased was a member will have charge of the funeral arrangements. The body will be taken to Indiana for interment. dertaking establishment, from where the

Fire Department.

-Chief Parris Inaugurates

Chief Parris of the fire department of the District of Columbia has adopted a new method in making promotions. The length of service of men will be a minor consider ation with him in the future. He will pick the men who are, in his judgment, the most efficient and put them in responsible positions as vacancies occur.

This plan is a departure from Chief Parris' methods of the past, and has been adopted because he has found that the old system was a failure. That system was a mere rotation of office according to length of service. An assistant foreman became a foreman when a vacancy occurred, and the man who had been on the rolls of the department for the longest time and was attached to the company in which a vacancy in the assistant foremanship occurred was given the promotion.

The innovation in the matter of making

The innovation in the matter of making appointments was put in practice a short time ago, when W. E. Robinson of Company No. 3 was promoted to be a foreman over the heads of several firemen, who had been longer in the service than he, and over the head of the assistant foreman. This action created much comment among the men in all the fire companies, and the Commissioners were appealed to to reverse the action through the medium of an anonymous letter. But Chief Parris stated the reasons for his action, and that was the reasons for his action, and that was

the reasons for his action, and that was the last of the incident.

The adoption of this new method of selecting the fittest for promotion is of especial interest to firemen throughout the department, as two new companies, to be numbered 12 and 13, are authorized by law and will be formed as soon as engine houses for their accommodation are completed. The men had consulted the records to see who would get these places according to the who would get these places according to the old plan, and in the minds of the men the appointments were made long ago. Now it is announced for the first time that the is announced for the first time that the appointment of Robertson to be foreman of No. 3 is the inauguration of a new system, and all calculations to ascertain who would have the places of responsibility in numbers 12 and 13 are worthless. Chief Parris explained why he had adopted this new system to a Star reporter to-

ed this new system to a Star reporter today.
"My experience has shown," said Mr. Parris, "that it is not a good plan to pro-mote men according to their length of service in the department. I propose now to select men who show themselves to be best fitted for responsible places. This plan will stimulate the men to better work. They will all feel that a promotion is with-in their reach, no matter how long they have been in the service. I have adopted this method, because I think it is best for the service and will result in giving the property owners a larger degree of protection than they would receive under a plan which puts men in the most responsible places merely because they have long served in the department. I believe this plan will show good results will show good results.

LIVELY DAY.

Police Station Cells Filled With Christmas Celebrators.

Yesterday was a lively day in police circles, and the patrol wagons were kept constantly on the go most of the day. While this was the general rule, things were very quiet in some sections. There were three shooting affrays during the day, but only one of them resulted seriously. That was the case of Raymond Beckett, who was shot by his brother-in-law, William H. Henson. The shooting of Nathan Gross, colored, by James Thomas, in South Washington, as published in yesterady's Star, resulted in the infliction inquest in the case of Peter Webb, the colored hackman, whose death at the Emergency Hospital resulted from the effects of a fall in being pushed down by Murphy were the participants, the former receiving a bullet in his left arm. This affair happened at 1305 11th street. After the accident Murphy went for a doctor, and failed to return to the house. Wilson was sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital for treatment.

In addition to these cases, there were several cutting cases and several assaults, in which beer glasses or other hard sub-stances were used. Some of the police lieutenants say that there was considerable more drunkenness than is usually see able more drunkenness than is usually seen on holidays. In the second precinct there were not cells enough to accommodate the intoxicated people. Lieut. Teeple, speaking of the work in his precinct, said in seemed as if even the horses and wagon were drunk. During the day and evenin were drunk. During the day and evening there were one hundred and sixty-eight arrests, and only fourteen of the victims were females. There were forty-four per-sons locked up for plain drunkenness, one sons locked up for plain drunkenness, one of them being a boy fifteen years old. There were also forty-four cases of drunk and disorderly, in addition to a number of assaults resulting from the excessive use assaults resulting from the excessive use of intoxicants. This morning the court "Marias" were kept busy transporting eighty-four prisoners from the stations to court, and in addition to this number there were many collateral cases.

FOR REVENGE.

Discharged Employe Acts the Vanda in Pennsylvania Railroad Office. Detectives Horne, Weedon and Lacy and Precinct Detective Sutton met at the ticket office of the Pennsylvania railroad, corner of 15th and G streets, about noon today. Messrs, Horne and Weedor wanted James Eckles for stealing a suit of clothes from Mr. Kerros, a tailor on New York avenue, while the other two wanted him for robbing the railroad office last night of \$150, as well as destroying the carpet and disfiguring the furniture. When taken to headquarters by Messrs. Lacy and Sutton he admitted that he was guilty of the offenses charged, and took ther where he had put away the money. Eckle was employed by the railroad company and had been notified that his services would be required no longer after week. Last night he broke open the and cut the handsome carpets from one end to the other, and then smeared ink on both the carpet and the furniture. The money, \$150, he got out of a desk in the

This morning he was on hand, as if noth ing had happened, and he seemed very much surprised at the condition of affairs But suspicion rested on him, and as already stated he admitted his guilt and was locked up. The charges against him are grand and petit larceny, and upon these charges he will be arraigned in court Mon-

when the detectives returned to the rail-road office they found the money hidden under the floor. The amount actually found was \$178. The suit of clothes and other

For the Central Relief Committee. Subscriptions have been received at The Evening Star office for the central relief committee funds as follows: Heretofore acknowledged......\$110.00 Alexander Ashley.
Subscribed at a Christmas gathering at Warwick's
In Memoriam E. C. Cesh Total The Santa Claus Club Subscriptions for The Evening Star Santa

Heretofore acknowledged Force School.
L. A. G..... Total NASHVILLE, Tenn., December 26.-Only

Claus Club have been received at The

Evening Star office as follows:

ne Christmas casualty is reported, but Lee, colored, whose clothes caught fire from an exploding firecracker, and before she knew it were in flames. Before assist-ance could reach her she was burned be-yond recovery.

Victims of Too Much Rejoicing on Christmas Day.

LINED UP IN THE POLICE COURT

Some of the More Important Cases

Before Judge Miller.

PROMISED TO REFORM

Christmas day, 1896, was not a dry holi day within the District of Columbia. Any doubt that may have been entertained on that point was thoroughly dispelled by a visit to the Police Court this morning, for when the proceedings began the dock was packed and jammed to a degree that far exceeded sardine intensity. The assort-ment of prisoners, perhaps the largest and most motley in the history of the court, was interesting to look upon. Side by side were well-dressed white women and the most degraded colored members of the weaker sex; white men of education and refinement and professional vagrants in rags and tatters; old rounders and fresh young men, some appearing clean, spick and span; others dirty, disrumpled and bloody. By far the majority of the cases bloody. By far the majority of the cases were plain drunk and disorderlies, who fell because of too much Christmas, and most of them frankly plead guilty, to make good resolutions during the next fifteen days in the workhouse. The number of persons in the dock, exclusive of those who forfeited collateral, was eighty-three. Three-fourths of the aggregation, probably, had never been arrested before, and they will recall the day with sorrew. the day with sorrew.

Henry Heights has descended to the

Henry Heights has descended to the depths. Disorderly conduct was the charge preferred by Policeman Henry.

"I was merely blowing a horn," said Heights indignantly.

"Aside from that he was very disorderly," added the policeman.

"The blowing of the horn was sufficient to hold you," stated the court. "Such is a clear violation of the low many Learners."

clear violation of the law, and I cannot understand why the police did not make more arrests yesterday on that charge. However, I shall consider only the order form of disorder in your case. Five dollars."

Judging from his appearance as he lean-ed against the rail, ice water would have ed to be sizzled had it inadvertently entered the throat of Lewis Eskridge, who was cer-tainly in need of extensive repairs. Further, the odds were overwhelmingly in favor of Lewis possessing the oft mentioned dark brown taste. The charge was drunk and "Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the

cierk.
"Oh, life's too short to discuss the mat-ter." replied Lewis nonchalantly.
"The court fines you \$5."
"Don't mention it."

Of the Fair Sex.

Kate Pleasant is a resident of the Division, and she occupied a seat in the dock because Policeman Schuyler found her yesterday on the street and in an abbreviated

"Oh, yes, of course I'm guilty," snapped the woman, with a defiant toss of her head. "I wasn't doing a thing, and I just want to say that I've never been vagged, never been to the penitentiary and never to the

"From your manner of living." remarked the court, "you are a vagrant under the "I suppose the law ought to know its "One hundred dollars bonds or three

"One hundred dollars bonds or three months."

"That's all right."

John Callahan is usually a law-abiding, peaceful, quiet young man. The Christmas spirit, however, took possession of him yesterday and he grew hilarious. With the passage of time the belief grew in Callahan that he held title to the entire globe and several planets, to say nothing globe and several planets, to say nothing of the :un and moon. As he passed the establishment of Mr. John Cronin, on 4 street southwest, it struck Callahan that it would be highly amusing to test a large window pane with his foot. The glass suc-cumbed. Mr. Cronin did not appreciate the joke, however, and therefore Callahan

was one of the dock's eighty-three.
"You'll have to pay a fine of \$10," said the court. "One-half that amount will be remitted if you replace the glass."

Henry Kelly is an itinerant solicitor alms. He requested "the price" from a local minister of the Gospel as the latter was passing along Pennsylvania avenue yesterday. A policeman witnessed the hold up and Kelly was promptly bagged, vagged and jugged.
"Where are you from?" asked the court.

"Knoxville."

Where are you going?"
'Baltimore." 'Not for sixty days." Jerry Sullivan yesterday indulged in a julet game of crap, which was rudely interrupted by a stalwart guardian of ice, who captured the bones.
'Deed, I were jes' lookin' on," declared

"I saw him throw the dice," added the "Twenty dollars," ruled the court, which, interpreted, means sixty days in the work

house.
The other cases were of minor impor tance and were disposed of with celerity.

Jacob Thomas, a young colored man, occupied the attention of the court as long as any dozen of the other prisoners, and the sentence imposed was the heaviest of the day. In addition to establishing a record as a sprinter and a brute, Jacob satisfied the court and the spectators that as a pre-varicator he is clearly entitled to the presidency of the World's Ananias Associa-

Jacob formed a more or less pleasing

diversion for the residents of the north-west section of the city yesterday after-noon. He met his wife at 11th and M diversion for the residents of the northwest section of the city yesterday afternoon. He met his wife at 11th and M
streets, and at once began a series of pugilistic maneuvers, with Mrs. Thomas serving
in the capacity of punching bag. According to eyewitnesses, Jacob tore the clothes
off his wife, and then proceeded to smite
her in a manner that easily discounted the
well-known effort Moses directed against
rock. On the approach of spectators,
Jacob fied, with Policemen Mays and Auldridge and Messrs. J. C. Duke, A. C. Archer, and a score or more other citizens in
close pursuit. Along alleys and side
streets, over back fences and through
houses, Jacob merrily led the chase, the
crowd in the rear growing larger and
larger every moment. At one point Mr.
Duke succeeded in nearly overtaking the
fugitive, but the latter hurled a brick at
him with vicious force. The man was finally stopped and placed under arrest at 12th
and R streets. After half a dozen witnesses had testified in accordance with the
foregoing, Jacob took the stand and denied
in toto the charges. As is the custom, his
much abused wife declined to prosecute her
unworthy husband, so the Information
merely included disorderly conduct.

"I didn't beat her, your honor," declare!
Jacob, "and I didn't run."

"Then you claim that all these witnesses
are mistaken?" inquired the court.

"Yes, sir; I does."

are mistaken?" inquired the court. "Yes, sir; I does."
"Well, I think not."

"Well, I think not."

"I wish your honor would take Jacob's personal bonds," then said Attorney Martin. "He is a hard-working man."

"I have absolutely no synapathy for a man who will beat his wife," replied the court. "As I said yesterday, the whipping post is the only proper remedy for such oftenders. Sending them to jail merely fattens them; the stripes of the lash should be made to show on their back. This man will gu to the workhouse for sixty days unless he pays a fine of \$20."

Aprile Crawford was the only one of the

less he pays a fine of £30."

Aprile Crawford was the only one of the old timers who succumbed to Christmas cheer. She was discharged from the workhouse, and in accordance with her unvarying custom, was again in the toils before the expiration of twenty-four hours.

"Annie was drunk and disorderly on 3d street southwest yesterday," explained Policeman Henry.

street southwest yesterday," explained Politeman Henry.

"It seems that you cannot be taught a lesson, Annie," said Judge Kimball, with an infection of sorrow in his voice. "Isn't it about time that you gave up whisky?"

"Yes, sir," was the reply. "I hadn't taken a drop for a long time."

"How about yesterday?"

"I was drunk." This with a smile.

"Fifteen days."

Before Judge Miller. In Judge Miller's branch of the Police

REPORTANG DIPHTHERIA SYSTEM OF PROMOTION THEY CELEBRATED Court today the echo of Christmas was

terday carved Samuel James with a razor while in a shoemaker's shop at 1205 New York avenue, was sent to jail for six Richard Meany, very well known in pe

lice circles, yesterday, after being arrested for disorderly conduct, undertook to assault Policeman Howard. "Twenty-five dollars for assault and five dollars for disorderly conduct," ruled Judge Miller.

Antonic Ghic uttered threats to his wife. Agnes Gbio.of bodily harm, and she had him arrested. He went to jail for sixty days in default of \$300 bonds to keep the peace.

As a part of his Christmas celebrating Claude Boyd struck Martha E. Donaldson. She objected, and Claude is now in jail, the sentence being sixty days.

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A general row and a variety of assaults enlivened the day in Hughes' court. The disposition of the affair by Judge Miller today was as follows: Benjamin Franken, sixty days; Mary J. Franklin, dismissed; Benjamin Hall, sixty days; and Harry Johnson, sixty days

Johnson, sixty days.

Policeman Van Horn was assaulted by James Holmes, and the penalty was sixty

Six months or 180 days is the reward of William Jackson, who assaulted Annie Freeman. James Curtis, who recently returned from the penitentiary, was arrested yesterday and a pistol was found in his possession

AFFAIRS IN GEORGETOWN.

Young Lady Hurt in a Runnway Accident.

Nellie Dugan, the fourteen-year-old child of Mr. John Dugan of 3305 M street, a well-known livery stable keeper, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon while out driving. The little girl and her brother, Joseph, who own a dog cart, were out driving, returning from a ride on the Conduit road. Coming down Prospect avenue, the pony attached to the cart became frightened at something and threw the girl out of the cart, her brother remaining in. The child was painfully injured about the face, several teeth knocked out, and also injured about the limbs. She was quickly picked up and taken to the home of Sergt. Harry Volkman, in front of whose residence the accident happened, and Dr. Kleinschmidt summoned. Later she was removed to her home. home. For a time it was thought that he really were. The pony continued on after the accident, but was finally stopped at 32d

They Celebrated.

street and Prospect avenue.

James Coleman of 1517 27th street and Richard Jackson, an acquaintance, celebrated Christmas day with a free fight, growing out of some trivial cause. The fight occurred near Coleman's home, and he was the under dog in the scrap. When Jackson got through pounding him, his face was beat up with a number of bruises, while his jaw was fractured. He was carried to the Emergency Hospital, where he received medical attention. Jackson, after getting satisfaction, left the scene, and has been successful in escaping arrest.

For a Musicale.

Mrs. Daisy Louise Fox, the well-known Georgetown planist, has made all arrangements for the musicale which will be given for the benefit of Grace Episcopal Church of Washington, at the home of the Washington Club, the affair taking place next Ington Club, the affair taking place next Tuesday. Mrs. John G. Carlisle, the wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, is one of the patronesses for the occasion. Mrs. Fox will bring out Miss Georgia Barrett of Georgetown for the event, it being the first appearance of the young lady. The affair will be an artistic event, and among those who will take part are Mrs. Kittle Thompson Berry, Mr. Herman Rakeman, Miss Elizabeth Tyler, Mr. Edward Lory and Miss Helen Prentiss Donohue. Helen Prentiss Donohi

Unlucky Number.

At the seventh precinct police station yesterday there were thirteen arrests made, six of which were for plain drunk, while three more were charged with drunk and disorderly. There was only one disorderly, one assault and battery case, and two men arrested on suspicion. Nine of the cases were dismissed at the station house, three more put up collateral, and only one un-fortunate rode in the Black Maria to Police Court this morning. Christmas in this sec-tion of the District passed very quietly, and the police had very little to do

THE CANAL IS FROZEN HARD.

Protracted Cold Weather Causes a

Postponement of Seining. Owing to the prevalence of the bitter weather the work of seining the canal will be postponed until a thaw takes place. All arrangements were completed for the work to begin on Monday, but telegrams received today from points along the canal show that the water remaining in it is covered with ice two or three inches thick, and

that boys are skating upon it. Of course it would be impossible to break ice of this thickness and rake it off the pools in order to allow the seinemen an opportunity to operate. Besides the ice is forming every hour, and by Monday, if this weathet continues, it will probably be four or five inches thick. The authorities at the fish commission agreed with Dr. Harban and the other gentlemen interested in the project here that it would be ab

useless to attempt to prosecute the work under such conditions. Accordingly, Mr. Laighton R. Harron and his assistants, whom United States Fish Commissioner Brice so kindly placed under the directions of the gentlemen men-tioned above to assist in the work, will walt until the weather moderates and the

ce disappears. The Star bass fund now amounts to \$194.50. Faneral of Chester B. Faulkner.

The friends of the late Chester B. Faulkner, private secretary of Senator Voorhees, who died yesterday from the effects of being run over by a horse car the night previous, had up to a late hour this afternoon been unable to make any definite arrangements for the funeral, owing to the uncertainty as to the time when the inquest would be held.

A Star reporter was informed at the undertaking establishment to which Mr. Faulkner's remains have been removed, that Deputy Coroner Glazebrook called there this morning and informed the undertaker that he "would hold an inques on the case some time this afternoon if he

It is the intention of the lodges of Masons and Odd Fellows in this city, with which the deceased was connected, to at-tend the funeral when it is held, which they expect to occur tomorrow, and escort the remains to the depot, and a committee from each will accompany the body to Mr. Fzuikrer's late home, in Holton, Ind., where the interment will take place.

Patrolling the Beach. CHATHAM, Mass., December 26.-Life

savers are still patrolling the beach in the vicinity of the bar upon which the schoon er Calvin Orchut went to pieces late Wednesday night in the expectation that more bodies will be washed ashore. The wind is blowing moderately from the south, and signs of wreckage are visible at different points along the coast.

Beaten Man Carried Off.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., December 26.-The est fight ever witnessed in this city was pulled off last night before the Pine Bluff Athletic Association. The fight was to be a twenty-five-round contest between Tom Kavanaugh of Buffalo and Artie Flint of Denver. In the third round Kavanaugh landed on Flint's neck and he went down in a heap. Flint failed to respond to the call of time and was carried from the ring by his seconds.

Came Home to Die. ATLANTA, Ga., December 26.-Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, wife of the late ex-Governor and ex-Senator Joseph E. Brown, died this morning at her home in this city. She was seventy years old. She had just returned from a tour of Europe and the Holy Land, lasting a year and one-half, when selzed with her fatal illness.

Fire in a Connecticut Town PUTNAM. Conn., December 28 .- Fire at

North Grosvenor today destroyed the two largest business blocks in the town, to-gether with two barns and adjoining sheds. Loss, \$50,000.